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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 2238

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, CVIS, IR, IZ

SUBJ: KURDISH REFUGEES FROM IRAQ

REF: TEHRAN 0344 AND PREVIOUS

EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A SMALL NUMBER OF INQUIRES REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF RESETTLEMENT IN US OF KURDISH REFUGEES NOW IN IRAN. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 140,000 NOW IN IRAN LIVING IN CAMPS, WITH APPARENTLY LITTLE CHANCE FOR REAL INTERGRATION INTO IRANIAN SOCIETY. THEIR SITUATION IN LIGHT OF NEW IRAQI-IRANIAN BORDER AGREEMENT UNCERTAIN, BUT EMBASSY BELIEVES UNLIKELY THEY WILL RETURN IN LARGE NUMBERS TO IRAQ UNLESS FORCEUFLY ENCOURAGED BY GOI. HAVE NO TRAVEL DOUCMENTS BUT PRESUMABLY COULD OBTAIN STATELESS PASSPORTS
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FROM IRAN. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT APPLICATIONS FOR RESETTLEMENT IN US

WOULD SWELL IF THE KURDISH REFUGEES LEARN THAT THERE IS REALISTIC
CHANCE TO MAKE THE MOVE.

EMBASSY REQUESTS ADVICE AS TO ELIGIBILITY OF THESE RUFEGEES FOR
CONSIDERATION UNDER SECTION 203(A)(7) OF INA, AND IF ELIGIBLE, HOW
THEY SHOULD PROCEED.
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